REMARKS

The specification was amended to insert a cross-reference to indicate that this application is the United States national application of International application PCT/JP2004/002124.

The amendments to claim 3 involve removing a multiple dependency and making editorial revisions. Moreover, claim 3 was amended to include a feature ("one or more...") supported in the full paragraph on page 6 of the specification.

Claim 5 recites features of original claim 2.

New claims 6 to 18 are supported in the specification on pages 9 and 10.

New claim 19 is supported in the specification on page 6, line 35.

The abstract was editorially revised.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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